

and the programme arranged for this testimonial will be one of the best of the season.

Marionette and a giant, whose name is Goethe, may be seen at Bunnell's Museum. A new company will appear in "Billey Taylor," next week, at the Standard. "Hazel Kirke" still prevails, at the Madison Square Theatre. Mr. M. B. Curtis, as "Sam of Peas," the commercial drummer, has found favor at Avery's Theatre. The success of "The World," at Wallack's, is unabated.

A performance will be given at Wallack's Theatre, this afternoon, for the benefit of "The Association for Refreshing Children and Young Girls." This society is an excellent and useful one, and it is hoped that the benefit may prove substantial. The entire company of Wallack's has volunteered its services, and Mr. Boucicault's delightful comedy of "Old Heads and Young Hearts" will be acted on this occasion. Mr. Gilbert, Miss Rose Coghill, Mr. Henry Edwards, Mr. Elton, Mr. Ogden, Miss Boniface, Miss Ponson, Mr. Gerald Tinsley, Miss Leeson, Mr. W. Eyre, Mr. Leonard Eyre, Mr. Dan Lecason, Mr. W. Eyre, Mr. Leonard and Mr. Holliday are in the cast.

PERSONAL.

Ex-President Hayes has just been elected president of the board of trustees of a new academy at Green Spring, Ohio.

Mr. W. W. Story's statue of Prescott, which is to be unveiled at Bunker Hill June 17, arrived in Boston last week.

The Rev. Dr. Edwards, of Chicago, is mentioned as an enthusiastic lover of the bicycle. He travels by means of it from his home in the suburbs to the city nearly every day.

Ex-Governor Washburn, of Wisconsin, who will sail for Europe on the 25th, has given his handsome estate near Madison to the St. Clare Academy at Sinsinawa. This is a Catholic institution, but Mr. Washburn does not belong to that faith.

Little D'Albert, the boy-pianist who has become so popular in England, recently played at Osborne and Queen Victoria said to him: "Do you not know any composition for the piano by your principal, Arthur Sullivan?" "Yes, I do," replied the lad. "Will you play it?" He reflected a moment, and at last, when the Duke of Edinburgh asked him why he did not comply with his master's command, he said: "O no, I cannot; Mr. Sullivan might not like it." It seemed that the Queen was amused beyond measure by this filial respect, holding his master's orders higher than those of the Queen of England.

During a prologue of Parliament a friend of Lord Beaconsfield, then Mr. Disraeli, passed the latter's house and saw that the blinds were up and the owner evidently at home. "I thought you would be abroad," he said as he entered; "all London is out of town. How is it you are here?" "Oh, the Countess is ill. I cannot leave her, and she cannot get me with her." "What are you doing with your time? What have you been reading?" "Ah! for the last week I have been reading a great mysterious book I have never seen before, although I had heard of it—*the East!*" "And what book is that?" The East End of London. For the last few days I have had a cab at the door, and I have spent the day in walking about through the dark slums of the East End of London. That is the great book I have been reading." The sense of gathering multitudes and overwhelming crowds appeared to have inspired him; yet he did nothing by any measure to attempt to relieve—no, the great actions of his life all tended to obstruct the relief which measures he opposed secured.

GENERAL NOTES.

The nomenclature of future discoveries by the United States Coast Survey is not, as heretofore, to be left to chance or to the self-glorifying pride of the explorers. The name of the "Great Hunt" has just ordered the name of the "Great Seal" of New York, or of a number of other names, the same or of give a name to an island, cape, rock shoal or other natural object on the coast, without referring the matter in official form to the Superintendent of the Coast Survey, who will give it due consideration, and endeavor to do justice to all persons concerned.

The special correspondent of *The London Times* thinks that the number of persons killed by the Seo earthquake does not greatly, if at all, exceed 4,000 and that this is possibly too large. In the southern half of the island scarcely a house remains in a habitable condition, so that a population of nearly 50,000 persons is camping out in the open air. Throughout the northern portion of the island the scenes show a picture of desolation and want. The people are doing the best they can with their hands, but there is no real shelter, the threat of death to each man, woman and child hanging over them.

The Board of Education having confirmed the acquittal by the School Directors of the Nineteenth Section of Miss Anna Scull, principal of the Hunter Girls' School, Philadelphia, who was charged with attempts to pervert her pupils against the Catholic religion, Father Barry, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of the Visitation, urged his parishioners again last Sunday to remove their children from the public schools. He advised them that they could not "under pain of mortal sin," continue to receive the fruits of education in a place where the prevailing atmosphere is one of atheism. He also directed the parents to the Superintendent of the Coast Survey, who will give it due consideration, and endeavor to do justice to all persons concerned.

Substituting for the right to vote the President's right to nominate, Senator Conkling has his resignation to the Editor of *The Tribune*.

SIR: We are delighted beyond expression to know that Mr. Conkling has sent in his resignation. A thousand hopes that it will be accepted at once! The miserable, overbearing conduct of this scold fellow has disgusted the larger part of the party of this State; and to-day, we are up for office, he could not control 5 per cent of its vote. We rejoice to the top of our bent, and shall hang our banners on the outer walls.

Buillard, Conn., May 16, 1881. A. D. VANCE.

POLITICAL HIGHWAYMEN.

To the Editor of *The Tribune*.

SIR: There is a precedent for the logic of the Conklings in the great speech of Abraham Lincoln at Cooper Institute on February 27, 1860. Addressing the Democrats he said:

But you will not abide the election of a Republican President. In that supposed event you say you will destroy the Union; and then you say, the great crime of having destroyed it will be upon us. That is one way of looking at it. And what is the other? You say, "We will not let you have your slaves, and you will not let us have ours." That is another way of looking at it. That is a part of his plan for robbing the Free-States, but detection founded on personal grievances are never formidable unless they cooperate with some deep-seated cause of decay and despatch.

PLAYING THE ROLE OF SAMSON.

Blaine and Conkling seem to have divided the role of the Republican Samson between them. Blaine has cut off the gates of Samaria, but Conkling is going to pull down the pillars of the temple.

DIGNIFIED AND MANLY CONDUCT.

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SENATORIAL GRIEFS AND SPITES.

To the Editor of *The Tribune*.

SIR: Can a United States Senator in fulfillment of his oath to the Constitution of his country bring against an appointee of the President any other objection than that of incapacity, unfitness, immorality or disloyalty? If Mr. Lincoln were alive, he would be unable "on principle" to distinguish the position of the Conklings in the Robertson fight from that of the Hayeses in the Hayes fight.

Charleston, S. C., May 10, 1881. MOUTON EMEY.

TERRESTRIAL RUIN.

To the Editor of *The Tribune*.

SIR: As a Republican and as a citizen of the world, I am harrowed with mortal terror between two impending fatalities: the destruction of this beautiful earth on which we live, the conjunction of five great planets and the appearance of a large comet in the vicinity of Taurus, which Professor Proctor predicts will certainly not be out from the solar system; and the no less startling announcement that Senator Conkling has threatened that he will not be swayed upon the White House with his imperial presence during this Administration. What are we poor Republican mortals to do with these two dire emergencies impending? and which do you think I will be the more disastrous to the world at large? I have never been taught to regard with dread the malign influence of planets in conjunction, but as a Republican I have long been conscious of the malignant influence of Senator Conkling on the Republican party. This is the reason of my alarm at the news of his appointment to the Senate, and of my desire to keep him from the public eye. The President, however, has announced that he will not be swayed by his personal friends, and that he will not be swayed by his personal enemies. The latter will be a grand, impressive climax; the former will be a tragic, pitiful folly.

Schenectady, N. Y., May 13, 1881.

[We'll have to take our chances with the planets and comets, but the Senator has been so obnoxious as to take himself and his shadow out of the way—for a fortnight.—Ed.]

CONKLING NOT EXERTED POLITICALLY.

Conkling has not expired politically. His respiratory organs were never in better condition. Those of the Administration have not been worse off since the beginning of the fight. Conkling may have made a losing fight, but he has not lost far less as a statesman than the most prominent member of the Senate.

Montgomery, the assassinated, to the assassin, Gaston Creux de la Croix, and the barometer.

MIDNIGHT WEATHER REPORT.

GOVERNMENT INDICATIONS.

Synopsis for the past 24 hours.

WASHINGTON, May 18, 1 a. m.—The barometer is lowest off the South Atlantic coast, and highest near Sydney. Threatening weather and rain continue in New-England, the Middle States and Lower Lake region, with northerly winds and increased pressure. Cloudy weather continues in the Southern States, the Ohio Valley and Upper Lake region, with no change in temperature. Light variable winds and slight changes in pressure. Partly cloudy weather prevails in the Northern Plains, with a slight increase in temperature. Partly cloudy barometer, east to South winds, and no northerly winds with increased pressure in Nebraska and Dakota.

Indications.

For the Middle States, partly cloudy weather and light rain, clearing in the northern portions, northeast to west, with no change in temperature, with falling barometers.

For New-England, light rain followed by partly cloudy weather, northeast to southeast winds, a slight rise in temperature, and rising followed by falling barometers.

Cautious signals continue from Eastport to Popham Beach.

TRIBUNE LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

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